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SUBJECT: CANADIAN REPLY TO US NOTE ON PARIS AGREEMENT VIOLATIONS

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1. FOLLOWING IS KEYED TO PARAGRAPHS IN US NOTE, ON THE QUESTION OF WHICH MATTERS IN OUR NOTE THE GVN HAS ALREADY RAISED DIRECTLY WITH THE ICCS.

2. PARAGRAPH 8. US- GVN REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATION OF DRV ACTIVITY AT KHE SANH WERE TURNED DOWN BY ICCS SAIGON AT HUNGDEL/ POLDEL INISISTENCE.

3. PARAGRAPH 9. HOANG HAU ASSAULT IS UNDER INVESTIGATION AT GVN REQUEST BY ICCS REGION 1. TONG LE CHAN AND RACH BAP INVESTIGATIONS WERE REQUESTED BY US- GVN ON MARCH 19. IN CASE OF TONG LE CHAN, ICCS AT LENGHT DISPATCHED LETTER TO JMC CALLING FOR LOCAL CEASEFIRE AND DESIGNATION OF LIAISON OFFICERS. ICCS QUAN LONG WAS SEIZED WITH BAC LIEU OVERRUN OUTPOSTS INVESTIGATION IN EARLY APRIL. WE HAVE REQUESTED UPDATE ON STATUS ANY INVESTIGATIONS ON CAMBODIAN BORDER OUTPOSTS ( CHAU DOC), AND OUTPOSTS IN HONG NGU AND CAI CAI DISTRICTS ( KIEN PHONG).

4. PARAGRAPHS 10, 14. ON SA HUYNH, DESPITE UNANOMOUS REGIONAL  
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TEAM REPORT, HUNGDEL/ POLDEL BLOCKED SENDING REPORT TO JMC ON GROUNDS THAT IT WAS " INCOMPLETE" DUE TO DRV/ PRG FAILURE TO JOIN IN THE INVESTIGATION. NATIONAL VIEWS WERE, HOWEVER, FORWARDED TO JMC ON MARCH 9. CH-47 INVESTIGATION REQUESTED BY US FORWARDED TO JMC MARCH 26.

5. PARAGRAPH 11. ICCS REGION 3 IS INVESTIGATING TRAIN MINING.  
( WE UNDERSTAND THAT TRAIN HAS BEEN MINED 5 TIMES SINCE MARCH 20.)

6. PARAGRAPH 12. TAN CHAU ( CHAU DOC) MORTARINGS HAVE BEEN UNDER INVESTIGATION BY TRI TON AT GVN REQUEST. ( WE NOTE THAT TOWN HAS BEEN ATTACKED MORE THAN 20 TIMES SINCE CEASEFIRE BY MORTAR FIRE.) REPORT FROM ICCS PHAN THIET MARCH 12 CONCLUDED ONLY THAT DEATHS AND WOUNDINGS HAD RESULTED FROM EXPLOSION OF 81 MM OR 82 MM MORTAR ROUND. TRI TON REPORT, FORWARDED TO JMC MARCH 6, REFLECTED FAMILIAR 2-2 SPLIT. WE ARE TOLD BY INDODEL THAT HONG NGU CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATIONS BY ICCS REGION 6.

7. COMMENT: IN GENERAL, THERE HAS BEEN NO SHORTAGE OF GVN SUBMISSIONS OF REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATIONS TO THE ICCS. THE PROBLEM HAS NOT BEEN THE LACK OF SUBMISSIONS, BUT HAT THEY WERE INARTFUL IN A NUMBER OF RESPECTS, RANGING FROM LUMPING NUMEROUS VIOLATIONS TOGETHER IN ONE REQUEST, TO INADEQUATELY PREPARED INDIVIDUAL ALLEGATIONS. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH APPROPRIATE GVN AUTHORITIES TO ASSURE THAT THEIR INVESTIGATION REQUESTS ARE SELECTIVE AND BACKED UP BY SOLID DOCUMENTATION. WHEN SUCH REQUESTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND INVESTIGATED, THE BY- NOW PREDICTABLE USULT IS A 2-2 SPLIT ALONG CUSTOMARY LINES. ON AREAS WHERE FIGHTING ACTIVELY PROCEEDS ( TONG LE CHAN, HONG NGU), THE LOCUS HAS IN EFFECT CHANGED TO THE TPJMC, WITH THE ICCS, IN GNERAL, RELUCTANT TO BECOME INVOLVED, A RELUCTANCE THAT HAS CERTAINLY INCREASED SINCE LAST MONTH' S HELICOPTER INCIDENT.

8. SO FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE INFILTRATION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT VIOLATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN DIRECTLY RAISED BY THE GVN WITH THE ICCS AS AN INVESTIGATORY REQUEST. THE GVN HAS, HOWEVER, ADDRESSED THE MATTER IN THE CONTEXT OF ITS REPLY TO THE APRIL 16 DRV NOTE ( SAIGON 8238) THAT IS BEING TRANSMITTED TO THE SIGNATORIES OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM. WHILE WE DO NOT HAVE CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT SPECIFIC DMZ VIOLATIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED BY THE GVN WITH THE ICCS, WE NOTE THAT THIS WEEK IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DANANG, CANDEL/ INDODEL HAVE STARTED TO LOOK INTO INFILTRATION THROUGH THE DEVICE OF INTERROGATING DRV PRISONERS CAPTURED BY THE GVN.  
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